Resolution Development Process

The White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) is designed to develop recommendations for actions in the field of aging to guide the President, Congress and federal agencies, communities, private sector and individuals in serving older adults. The 2005 WHCoA actively sought input from a wide array of stakeholders to develop an overarching agenda and plan for the conference. Issues were identified and refined through public input received from more than 400 events and from general comments received by the WHCoA involving 130,000 people across the nation. The graphic below depicts the major actions in the process.

August 2004

Initial Aging Events and Sessions.

Since August 2004, independent aging events and listening sessions were held across the country to provide public input to the 2005 WHCoA. Events were organized by communities, academic institutions, business and industry, national and local organizations and coalitions, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and Federal, State and local agencies.

October 2004 Agenda Items Established.

The Policy Committee made available for comment and adopted a broad agenda of major issues facing older adults. The 2005 WHCoA agenda items included: Planning Along the Lifespan, The Workplace of the Future, Our Community, Health and Long Term Living, Social Engagement, and Marketplace.

February 2005

Solutions and Mini- Conferences

Since February 2005, solutions forums and mini-conferences refined and focused specific issues and generated recommendations and innovative solutions from private and public sectors for use in development of resolutions.

September 2005 Resolutions Drafted.

Written recommendations in reports from public aging events, listening sessions, solutions forums, miniconferences, and general comments were drafted into resolutions related to each WHCoA agenda section.

October 2005 Resolutions Refined.

As reports of public events and discussions continued to be submitted to the WHCoA, draft resolutions were revised to include new information and preserve public input.

November 2005 Resolutions Established.

The Policy Committee approved agenda items Planning Along the Lifespan, The Workplace of the Future, Our Community, Health and Long Term Living, Civic Engagement and Social Engagement, and Technology and Innovation in an Emerging Senior/ Boomer Marketplace and adopted a set of 73 resolutions for consideration by the delegates of the 2005 WHCoA.